

the constipation but the general toxic condition which decides operation. Nevertheless, this does not retract from the theoretical importance of the condition. Here we have in these patients plain and unmistakable experimental evidence of auto-intoxication, and what may occur to such an advanced degree in them, no doubt is present in a large number of cases to a lesser degree.

SOCIETY REPORTS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

During the month of August, 1912, the following meetings were held by the San Francisco County Medical Society:

Section on Medicine, Aug. 6, 1912.

The program was furnished through the courtesy of the Alameda County Society.

1. Exhibition of Case of Actinomycosis. Dr. S. H. Buteau.
2. Specimen of Sarcoma of Superior Medias-tinum. Dr. F. H. Bowles.
3. Exhibition of Case of Still's Disease. Dr. Dudley Smith.
4. Fracture-Sprains. Illustrated by X-Ray plates. Dr. Alvin Powell. Discussed by Drs. S. J. Hunkin and Alvin Powell.
5. Transfusion. Dr. N. H. Chamberlain. Discussed by Dr. W. I. Terry. (To be published in California State Journal.)
6. Certain Post-Operative Complications in Appendicitis. Dr. J. L. Lohse. (To be published in California State Journal.)
7. Gastroenterostomy in Apparent Malignant Disease of the Stomach. Dr. M. L. Emerson.

Regular Meeting, August 13, 1912.

1. The Principles of Treatment of the Acute Edemas. Dr. Martin Fischer. Discussed by Drs. Sherman, Wagner, Welty, Ebright, Thomas, Ball, Kerr and Fischer.

Section on Surgery, Aug. 20, 1912.

1. The following cases were demonstrated by Dr. C. G. Levison:
 - Plastic of Hand.
 - Exostosis of Os Calcis.
 - Two Cases of Chronic Bowel Obstruction (X-ray Plates).
2. A Case of Complete Transposition of the Viscera. Dr. F. M. Birtch. (To be published in California State Journal.)
3. Fractures Near to and Into Joints. Dr. Harry M. Sherman.
 - Part I. Fractures near to Joints. Discussed by Drs. Kenyon, Hunkin, Levison, Macdonald, Fisher and Russ.

Section on Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Aug. 27, 1912.

Much interest attached to this meeting owing to the presence of the well-known laryngologist, Dr. Robert Levy of Denver. In his remarks before the Section, Dr. Levy laid great stress upon the importance of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat men of

the Pacific Coast co-operating for the success of the meeting of the A. M. A. in San Francisco in 1915.

1. Demonstration of Cases:

Heath's Operation.

Modification of Ritter's Operation.

Dr. Henry Horn.

Discussed by Drs. Robert Levy, K. Fischel, C. Welty and H. Horn.

Atresia of Palate. Dr. P. DeObarrio. Discussed by Drs. Welty, Wagner and DeObarrio.

2. A Simple Method of Removing the Epiglottis in Cases of Laryngeal Tuberculosis; Removal of Laryngeal Tumors; Incision of Cysts; Case of Malignant Growth of Larynx. Dr. Robert Levy. Discussed by Drs. Wagner, Welty, Wardell, Horn and Levy.

ORANGE COUNTY.

"The Orange County Medical Association" at a regular meeting held on July 2, 1912, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved: First, that the Board of Censors of this Association be, and are hereby instructed to carefully investigate each and every case of alleged criminal abortion reported to them, as performed or procured in Orange county, either by physicians, druggists, mid-wives, or others, and whenever in their judgment, there are good and sufficient grounds for such procedure, they are authorized to bring the same before the proper legal authorities for prosecution under the laws of the State of California.

Resolved: Second, that this Association, in addition to the authority conferred in the foregoing resolution, pledges its moral and financial support to the Board of Censors, in the discharge of such duties.

The law governing these cases of abortion is as follows:

Sec. 274, Penal Code. Penalty: "Every person who provides, supplies, or administers to any pregnant woman, or procures any such woman to take any medicine, drug or substance, or uses, or employs any instrument, or other means whatever with intent thereby to procure the miscarriage of such woman, unless the same is necessary to preserve her life, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not less than two, nor more than five years."

Sec. 275. Submission to Abortion: "Every woman who solicits of any person any medicine, drug or substance whatever and takes the same, or who submits to any operation, or to the use of any means whatever with intent thereby to procure a miscarriage, unless the same is necessary to preserve her life, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, not less than one, nor more than five years."

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions, in reference to the duties of the "Board of Censors" in cases of criminal abortion, together with that of sections No. 274 and 275 of the "Penal Code" of the State of California, be mailed to each and every physician, druggist, midwife, and trained nurse in Orange county, so far as known, and that the secretary be instructed to attend to this duty at his earliest, possible convenience.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN WEHRLY, Secretary.